

## INFORMATION PAPER

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**SUBJECT:** GCSS-Marine Corps

*To become the Marine Corps Hub for Logistics Information Technology (IT) Systems*

### **FACTS:**

**1. Balanced Scorecard Goal/Objective.** (Which BSC goal/objective does this strategic initiative support? How so?)

*The BSC goal is to Provide Integrated Logistics Picture. As identified in the source document, the “Joint Vision 2020”, the concept of Focused Logistics through revolutionary improvements in information systems is becoming identified as one of the highest priorities in the Joint forces. This commitment to logistics transformation through technological innovation was reinforced in LtGen Kelly’s personal message to the logistics community on Sept. 2003, where he identified that the technology enabler would “implement standard procedures and logistics IT solutions across the pillars of combat service support within the MAGTF, the theater level, and seamlessly back to the supporting establishment”, using a solution known as Global Combat Support System Marine Corps (GCSS-MC). MCLC Albany, as the Logistics Provider for the USMC, must be positioned to shape this vision of the future.*

**2. Project Description.** (What is the nature of the initiative being worked?)

*To position MCLC Albany as the hub for Logistics IT Systems, the C4 has undertaken several initiatives with the long-term intent of hosting the Operational Architecture (OA) for GCSS-MC. Efforts such as; obtaining the Capability Maturity Model Integrated (CMMI) level 2 certification, lobbying efforts to become one of the regional sites for the Marine Corps Enterprise Information Technology Services (MCEITS), on-going implementation of the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), development and implementation of MERIT (touted as the only GCSS-MC like success to date), and participation in numerous Marine Corps working groups, to include the Information Technology Steering Group and the Functional Data Manager Working Group, are examples of initiatives that are being undertaken in an effort to bring GCSS-MC to MCLC Albany. The encompassing measure of these efforts was the development of a POA&M to bring the OA of GCSS-MC to Albany. Unfortunately, due to delays of both technical and political flavors, the establishment of this POA&M has not even begun.*

**3. Why Required.** (What performance gap is closed, new logistics capability introduced, business process improved or better business practice incorporated? Are the benefits to LOGCOM... to the USMC?)

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*For MCLC Albany to remain the driving force of Logistics Services for War Fighter, this base must become the hub of Logistics IT Services. This will allow those that are developing and implementing new logistics systems to be in direct, daily communication with the logisticians supporting the fleet and position MCLC for the future of all Logistics Operations. As we have seen during the implementation of MERIT, this direct link to the users of the system is vital to the overall success of the program.*

**4. Resources.** (Is the initiative already POM'd for? How much per year? If not in the POM has a budget been developed? How much per fiscal year? Has an IPT already been established? Is there an estimate of the number of man-hours required? If so, how many per fiscal year?)

*Labor resources and O&M resources to effectively continue these efforts are planned for within the POM cycle.*

**5. Plan of Action and Milestones.** (What are the start and end dates. What are the interim high level actions and milestones?)

*These efforts are continuous and on going on a daily basis. POA&Ms are developed for specific projects as they are identified.*

**6. Owning Organization/ Partners.** (Under which organization's cognizance does this strategic initiative fall? What other organizations are involved in this strategic initiative? How so?)

*This initiative is consistent with C4's function to integrate the Command's information systems with those of the Department of Defense, Marine Corps and other governmental agencies by becoming the hub for Logistics IT Systems.*

**7. Point of Contact.** (Project Lead, telephone number and email address)

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